State-wise sanction of power projects

2126. SHRI PARAG CHALIHA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the power projects sanctioned to boost the power sector during the preceeding three years, State-wise;

(b) the funds set apart for this purpose;

(c) whether Government propose to evolve a fresh power policy to cover the entire gamut of power sector including generation, transmission and distribution;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether Government also propose to involve representatives of various sectors of economy to framing this policy; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH: (a) and (b) Power projects which were accorded investment clearance by the Planning Commission during the last three financial years are given below:

Sl. No.	Name of Project (Capacity in MW)	State	Est. Cost (Rs. Crore)
1.	Ravalseema TPS St-II (2×210)	A.P.	1273.00
2.	Purulia PSS (900)	W.B.	1456.56
3.	Kothagudam TPS St-V (2×250)	A.P.	1890.00
4.	Diesel Generating Power Station at Kozhikode (6×20)	Kerala	355.00
5.	Muzaffarpur TPS Extn. (2×250)	Bihar	1452.13

In so far as State projects are concerned, the Central Government has been providing Block Plan assistance to the States for their plans according to the formula approved by National Development Council.

(c) and (d) In accordance with the Common Minimum National Action Plan for Power adopted by the Government after extensive consultation with the State Governments, fresh initiatives have been taken to improve the performance of power sector and to make it viable. The broad features of the programme *inter-alia* are as follows:

— Finalising the National Energy Policy.

— Creation of Regulatory Commissions at the Centre and in the States to ensure rationalisation of tariffs etc.

— Review of the Role of Central Agencies to facilitate speedy approval of projects.

— Encouragement of private sector participation.

— Providing autonomy to the State Electricity Boards, their professionalisation and improvement in physical parameters.

— Encouragement to co-generation/ captive and mega power projects.

— Developing a National Policy on Hydro power.

(e) and (f) Yes, Sir. National Energy Policy is being formulated by the Committee set up in Planning Commission. The Committee has representatives from various energy related institutions and experts in the power sector. The details of the policy on power are also scheduled to be discussed, in the Consultative Committee of Parliament of the Ministry of Power.

ग्रामीण विद्युतीकरण निगम को देनदारियों का भुगतान न किया जाना

2127. **श्री गोविन्दराम मिरी :** क्या विद्युत मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि विद्युत बोर्ड ग्रामीण विद्युतीकरण निगम को देय देनदारियों का भुगतान करने में असमर्थ है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं ?

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री तथा विद्युत मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री योगेन्द्र कुमार भगतराम अलघ): (क) जी, हां। ऐसे आठ विद्युत बोर्ड हैं जो ग्रामीण विद्युतीकरण निगम की और अपनी देयताओं का परिसमापन कर पाए हैं।

(ख) राज्य बिजली बोर्ड अपनी नाजुक वित्तीय स्थिति तथा राज्य सरकार द्वारा ग्रामीण विद्युतीकरण आर्थिक सहायता का भुगतान न किए जाने के कारण ग्रामीण विद्युतीकरण निगम की बकाया राशियों का भुगतान कर पाने में असमर्थ है।

Problems arising due to defective meters

2128. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the problem arising out of defective meters causing serious losses to State Electricity Boards and general consumers;

(b) if so, details regarding magnitude and seriousness of the problem arising on this account-state-wise;

(c) the details of steps taken to overcome the problem in the light of the decision of the Supreme Court; and

(d) the agenda of action as worked out by the State Electricity Boards for 1997-98, details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Financing of power projects

2129. SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL:
SHRIMATI ANANDIBEN JETHABHAI PATEL:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have fixed limit of 40% for Indian Public, financial Institutes in Power Sector based on indigenous equipments;

(b) whether representations from various State Governments have been received for relaxation of the limit and to exclude funding from Indian Commercial Banks while calculating aggregate exposures of IPFI within permissible limit;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the decision and action taken or proposed to be taken by Government in this regard; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH): (a) to (e) The private power policy inter alia stipulates that an amount not exceeding 40% of the total outlay may come from Indian public financial institutions, but the remaining amount should be met from other sources. The Government of Gujarat had requested that Independent Power Producers (IPPs) sourcing equipment from indigenous suppliers should be exempted from this limit. This request is under consideration.

Pipavav Power Project

2130. SHRIMATI ANANDIBEN JETHABHAI PATEL:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Pipavav Power Project was given gas allocation from Tapti gas field;